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MAJOR LE CAROZ, who gave the startling Fenian evidence before the Parnell Commission, has been on a visit to his mother at Colchester. He was accompanied by two detectives as a bodyguard. He has remonstrated with the Editor of the London edition of the *New York Herald* on the score that an erroneous account of an interview with him was published in the Sunday edition of that enterprising journal.

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The Penny Illustrated Paper.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1889.

OUR LONDON LETTER.

THE EARL OF ROSEBERY, portrayed on the front page as the exceedingly capable first Chairman of the new London Council, could not have been favoured with a better Vice-Chairman to work with than that literary banker and similarly steadfast friend of the People, Sir John Lubbock, M.P., who is here limned. Both are exceptionally accomplished and genial. Both are extremely courteous. Both, in a word, are eminently well qualified to put the extinguisher neatly on exuberant talkers, and to so arrange business that "something attempted, something done" shall be the watchword of the fresh organisation we look to to set our houses in order, and to eventually transform London into a City of Health and Contentment. This can be done, and Lord Rosebery is the Statesman to materially help to do it. His Lordship's 'record" is such as inspires Englishmen with confidence, trust, and hope. He is one of those noblemen who have from their first entrance into public life heartily identified themselves with every praiseworthy movement for the amelioration of the lot of their less fortunate fellow-countrymen. He is Liberal in the best sense of that much-abused word—not a mere Lip-Liberal, of which class there are so many to clog the wheel of Progress. He served an apprenticeship to Statesmanship, gaining inspiration not only from the lofty flights of Mr. Gladstone, but also from the earnest lips of John Bright, when he was England's foremost orator; and it was not before Lord Rosebery had gained practical experience of political administration as Under-Secretary for the Home Department, as Lord Privy Seal and First Commissioner of Works, that he accepted the onerous post of Foreign Secretary. He was one of the best Foreign Secretaries England has ever had. He stands a fair chance of being Prime Minister some day. He will in no small measure be equipped for the admirable discharge of the supremely responsible duties of the Queen's First Minister by his varied experience as Chairman of the London Council. That Lord Rosebery may have good health to fill this serviceable post must be the sincere wish of all who have watched his career with admiration and esteem.

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It is the ring of real sympathy with the People in every word Lord Rosebery utters that has in a great degree won for him his deserved popularity. If he could consult his own tastes, I fancy he would far rather be an M.P. than in the gilded chamber, for he has of late been more frequently seen in the so-called Lower House (in the Peers' Gallery) than in the Lords. Taken in conjunction with the Govan victory—a victory which made our "strong" Government pop another Irish member into prison—and viewed in connection with the largely increased Liberal majority Sir John Kinloch, M.P., polled against Mr. Boase (C) in East Perthshire—Lord Rosebery's speech in Edinburgh on Tuesday, a cheery, humorous, inspiriting address, augurs well for the triumph of the popular cause at a no distant period. No better man to welcome Mr. Gladstone back to London, and to hospitably entertain the veteran Liberal leader on the eve of the Session.

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I am with Lord Rosebery entirely in one fine passage of his statesmanlike speech in Edinburgh:—

I am for as much Imperial federation as we can get. I look to the time—and I believe it is not far distant—when our scattered communities throughout the world, all the English races outside the United States, will determine to work out their destiny, with the domestic power they already possess, but under the august shadow of the British Empire (Cheers).

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The most scandalous "Confidence Trick" of modern times—But no! I'll not pass judgment upon a matter on which Commonsense has already declared its verdict.

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The Earl of Londesborough's zestful participation hitherto in the sports and pastimes of the People may have blinded the people to the solid qualities of this genial nobleman. It is to the credit of the Marquis of Salisbury (who shares the late Lord Beconsfield's talent for fostering political ability) that Lord Londesborough has at length come so prominently forward in the world of politics as to move the Address to the Crown in the House of Lords. By-the-way, the moving appeal the late Colonel Duncan made to the Commons at the beginning of last Session to do something to mitigate the painful distress of the poor amongst us resulted in no appreciable reduction of the sum total of want and misery.

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The improvement of the Strand, which a deputation solicited Mr. Augustus Harris and Captain Probyn to bring about, is urgently needed. Out of pity for the poor horses that daily slip and slide and distressingly fall, especially on the slippery curve round St. Clement's Dane Church, the roadway should be kept well gravelled. It would be manifestly for the public convenience if Dr. Johnson's favourite church, and St. Mary's, with the intervening south side of Holywell-street, were cleared away.

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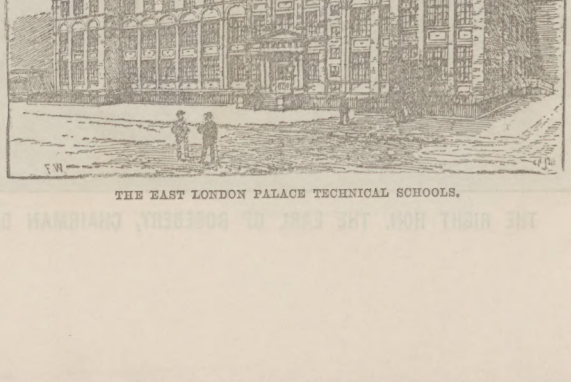
H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has done a wise thing in becoming President of the Council for establishing Polytechnics after the style of Mr. Quintin Hogg's excellent institution in Regent-street and the admirable East London Palace. I well remember hearing the Prince on the occasion of his last visit to the latter Palace say he hoped every quarter of London would in time have a similarly useful public institution for the instruction and healthful recreation of the young. I give a view of the noble Technical Schools munificently presented by the Drapers' Company to the East London People's Palace "pour encourager les autres." Here every serviceable craft can be acquired at very low fees. The handiness and usefulness of the rising generation cannot fail to



THE EAST LONDON PALACE TECHNICAL SCHOOLS.

be increased largely by means of such Technical Colleges. Hence it is sincerely to be hoped that the Prince's wishes may soon be realised, and every great London parish boast its Polytechnic.

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A word of mourning for one of the best and most experienced members of the Police Force it has been my fortune to know. Colonel Howard Vincent will bear witness to the valuable services rendered to the Metropolitan Police Force by Superintendent W. Harris, who died on Feb. 15 in the prime of life, the seeds of his fatal illness having been sown during the long day of exposure he went through on the day of the last Trafalgar-square riots.

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Who *did* give the order for the removal of the arms of the Honourable Artillery Company? If the War Office does not reprimand the offender some M.P. ought to take Mr. Stanhope to task.

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The handsome presence of Mr. Alfred Kinnear is familiar in every newspaper office served by the enterprising "Central News" Agency of 5, New Bridge-street, E.C. A good likeness of Mr. Kinnear appears in the *Reporter's Journal* of Shorthand for February; and the stirring biography that accompanies the portrait reads more like a romance than a narrative of actual life.

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The Westminster Orchestral Society must spread Harmony in many homes, and yield much delightful musical and terpsichorean recreation in public. I judge so from the attractive programme Mr. A. S. Rose issues from 28, Page-street, Westminster, and likewise from the wholly harmonious lecture that genial musician, Mr. Walter Macfarren, delivered last Saturday in the Westminster Townhall. This dulcet-voiced gentleman literally held his audience spellbound, as he charmingly and learnedly discoursed on "Pianoforte Music, Ancient and Modern," and accompanied himself with sympathetic skill and feeling by playing pieces from Handel, Bach, Muzio Clementi, Mozart, Beethoven, Cramer, Weber, Moscheles, Mendelssohn, Chopin, Schumann, Thalberg, and Sterndale Bennett. Mr. Walter Macfarren won the grateful applause of all present, and the best thanks of—

[*Town Edition.*] PHILIP.

QUEEN AND EMPRESS FREDERICK.

THEIR Majesties the Queen and the Empress Frederick, accompanied by Prince and Princess Henry of Battenberg, Princesses Victoria, Sophie, and Margaret of Prussia, and the children of Prince and Princess Henry, arrived at Windsor Castle at a quarter before two o'clock p.m., on Feb. 15, from Osborne. Their Majesties crossed over to Clarence-yard, Gosport, on board her Majesty's yacht Alberta.

The Queen is expected to come to London next Monday, the 25th inst., for the purpose of holding a Drawingroom on the following day at Buckingham Palace. Her Majesty will probably return to Windsor on Wednesday, the 27th inst. She will start for Biarritz early in March.

PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES.

The Princess of Wales, with Princesses Louise, Victoria and Maud, having taken leave of the Prince of Wales and Prince George, left Marlborough House last Saturday afternoon, reaching Sandringham House early in the evening. The Princess and her daughters went to St. Mary Magdalene's Church on Sunday morning, and heard a sermon by the Rev. F. Hervey.

The Prince of Wales witnessed the defeat of M. Floquet's Ministry in Paris on Feb. 14; and viewed the Paris Exhibition buildings. There was quite a crowd at the Cannes Station last Saturday afternoon to meet the Prince of Wales.

I Look Round.

HER MAJESTY

has approved the appointment of the Rev. A. G. Edwards, Vicar of St. Peter's, Carmarthen, to the bishopric of St. Asaph.

THE QUEEN

will travel privately to Biarritz, in March, as the Countess of Balmoral; and there will be no public receptions anywhere during the Royal visit. Her Majesty will reside about a month in the South of France, and return early in April to Windsor.

THE EMPRESS FREDERICK

will leave Windsor shortly on a visit to Prince and Princess Henry of Prussia, at Kiel, and will, consequently, not accompany the Queen to the Continent.

THE EMPEROR WILLIAM

received the members of the Moorish Mission in special farewell audience at Berlin, on Saturday last, and gave them a number of costly presents.

THE CZAR AND CZARINA,

accompanied by a Russian squadron, will arrive at Kiel in June next on a visit to the Emperor William.

SIR ROBERT AND LADY MORIER

were on Tuesday honoured by a visit from the Czar and Czarina and the Imperial Family. Notable sign of the cordial friendship of Russia and England!

MR. GLADSTONE

(whose eldest son denies that harsh evictions have taken place on the Hawarden estate) arrived at Cannes from Italy with Mrs. Gladstone and Mr. Rendel. The ex-Premier looked well and spoke well. Mr. Gladstone on Sunday had a long interview with the Prince of Wales; and on Tuesday left Cannes for London.

PRESIDENT CARNOT

had some difficulty in securing a new Prime Minister. On St. Valentine's Day, in the Paris Chamber of Deputies, Comte De Douville-Maillefeu proposed the adjournment of the debate on the Revision Bill, and, in spite of the opposition of M. Floquet, it was carried by 307 votes against 218. M. Floquet thereupon announced that he would tender his resignation to President Carnot.

GENERAL BOULANGER

promptly published in Paris a manifesto to the electors of the Seine, in which he condemned the Floquet Ministry, and advocated the dissolution of an impotent Chamber.

M. MELINE,

being President of the Corps Législatif, was naturally the Republican statesman M. Carnot turned to in the Ministerial crisis. But not till Saturday did urbane M. Méline consent to undertake the burdens of the Premiership. He then failed to form a Ministry. M. De Freycinet was then named first favourite.

Current Crime.

THE coolness of Lyster, the chief actor in the Muswell-hill burglary, according to the confession of one of his accomplices, is remarkable. On Monday at the Highgate Police-Court Alfred Lyster, forty, describing himself as an upholsterer, of 4, Huntingdon-street, Kingsland-road; James Clarke, thirty-three, bootmaker, giving no address; and Charles Burdett, fifty-three, fishcurer, of Jacob-street, Shoreditch, were brought up on remand, charged with committing a burglary at Norton Lees, Muswell-hill, and further with shooting Mr. George Duckworth Atkin, at the same time and place, with intent to murder him. Wounded Mr. George Atkin, who pluckily pursued the burglars and was murderously shot, as pictured at the time in *The Penny Illustrated Paper*, gave evidence for the first time

Mr. Atkin stated that the man who shot him was about the height of Lyster. The first bullet entered the abdomen; and the second, fired deliberately at a distance of only 5 ft. from him, lodged in his chest. Other witnesses having been heard, a further statement by the prisoner Clarke was read. In it Clarke declared that the revolver found by the police at Highgate had been previously stolen by Lyster and himself from a house at Hackney. The accused were committed for trial.

"JACK THE RIPPER."

It would seem that "Jack the Ripper" has transferred himself from the Old World to the New, and is practising his horrible crimes with as much impunity in the Far West as he did in the east of London. Some time ago it was reported that some unknown criminal had perpetrated several murders of the well-known Whitechapel type upon the outcast women in Jamaica. A similar outbreak of crime has occurred in Nicaragua.

The last Whitechapel murder was committed on Lord Mayor's Day, Nov. 9, since which time there have been no similar atrocities in the east of London. We now learn that at the beginning of January similar atrocities were taking place in Nicaragua, and that about the end of December equally barbarous mutilations are reported from Jamaica. It would be interesting to know whether any steamer left the Thames after Nov. 9, and after calling at Jamaica in December proceeded to Central America. If such a steamer exists there seems a strong probability that the murderer will be found among her crew—at any rate, the clue is one which might well be followed up by our detectives.

TO STUDENTS.—To all those who burn the "Midnight Oil," engaged in mental labour, we would recommend CADBURY'S COCOA; its comforting, exhilarating, and sustaining powers are extraordinary. Beware of imitations.—[ADVT.]

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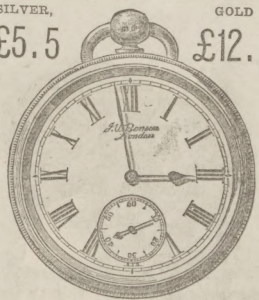

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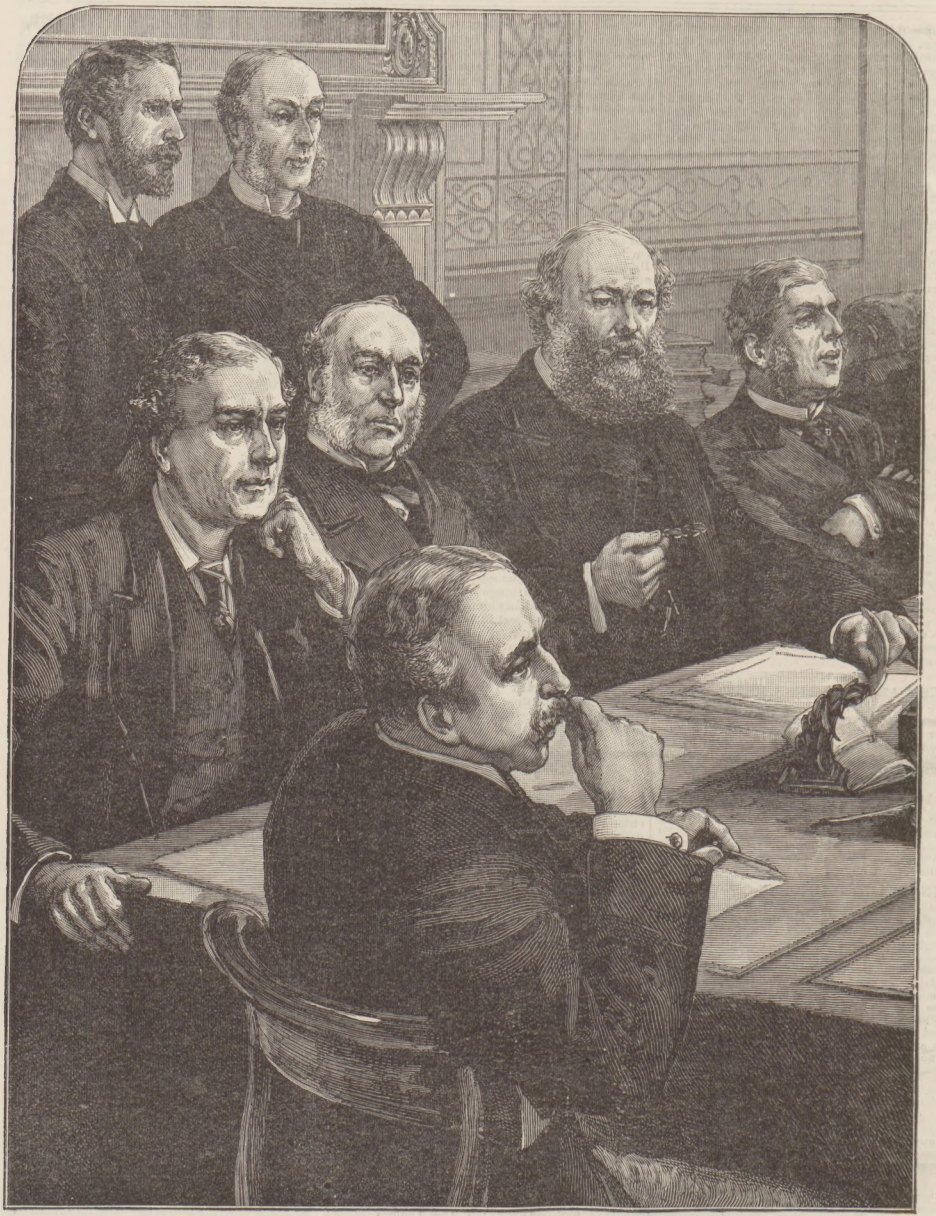


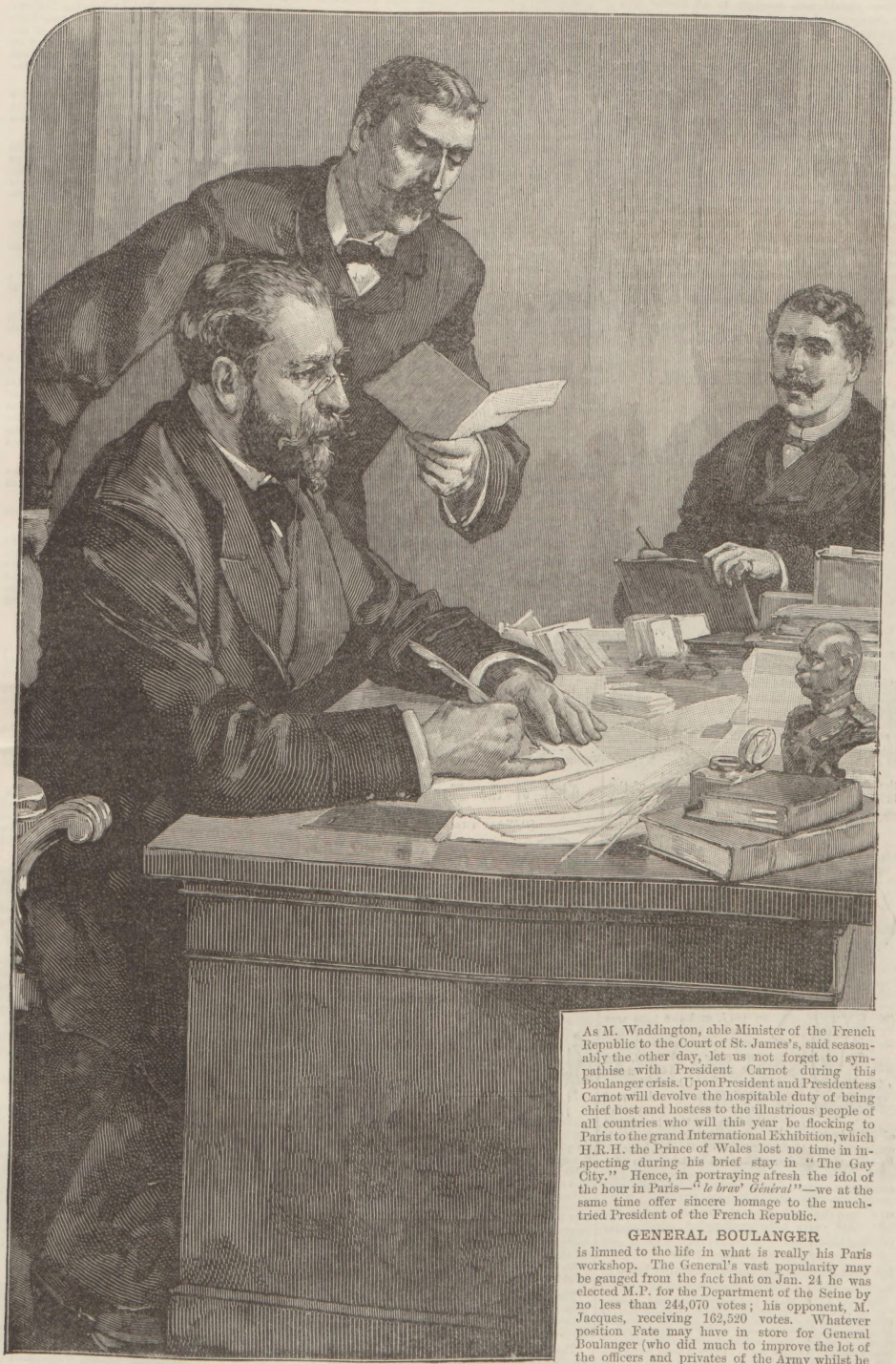
Mr. H. Matthews. Mr. W. H. Smith. Mr. E. Stanhope. Lord Salisbury. Mr. Goschen.

CABINET COUNCIL AT THE FOREIGN OFFICE: LORD SALISBURY'S STRONGEST CORNER.

LORD SALISBURY'S GOVERNMENT.

WE print a portrait-group of the most important members of Lord Salisbury's Cabinet, save Mr. Arthur Balfour. The superfine Irish Secretary has made himself so conspicuous that he is already sufficiently mirrored in the public eye. Comprising the noble Marquis the Prime Minister himself; the Right Hon. W. H. Smith, First Lord of the Treasury, and courteous Leader of the House of Commons; the clear-voiced Home Secretary, and thoughtful Secretary for the Colonies; the sagacious and clever Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Goschen; and the Secretary for War, and First Lord of the Admiralty—this "strongest corner" only lacks two Statesman to render it thoroughly representative of the governing "powers that be." The two in question are the bearded Marquis of Hartington, and shaven Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, whose views are so identical with those of the Salisbury Cabinet that there would be manifestly more propriety in their joining the Ministry than in sticking to their seats on the front Opposition bench, to the discomfort of themselves and the Gladstonian ex-colleagues from whom they differ on the Irish Question.

Let us give the Marquis of Salisbury his due. He has evinced a profound knowledge of Human Nature since he has been Premier. He has especially chosen good men to move and second the Addresses in reply to the Queen's Speech. This year his choice fell upon that remarkably popular and genial Peer, the Earl of Londesborough, and Lord Penrhyn, in the House of Lords; and upon Mr. M. H. Shaw-Stewart, M.P. for East Renfrewshire, and Sir John Colomb, K.C.M.G., M.P. for Bow, in the Commons. Excellent men for the purpose. It is clear from the Ministerial programme that we are in for a Session of National Defence.



GENERAL BOULANGER AT HIS DAILY DESK-WORK.

As M. Waddington, able Minister of the French Republic to the Court of St. James's, said seasonably the other day, let us not forget to sympathise with President Carnot during this Boulanger crisis. Upon President and Presidentess Carnot will devolve the hospitable duty of being chief host and hostess to the illustrious people of all countries who will this year be flocking to Paris to the grand International Exhibition, which H.R.H. the Prince of Wales lost no time in inspecting during his brief stay in "The Gay City." Hence, in portraying afresh the idol of the hour in Paris—"*le brav' Général*"—we at the same time offer sincere homage to the much-tried President of the French Republic.

GENERAL BOULANGER

is limned to the life in what is really his Paris workshop. The General's vast popularity may be gauged from the fact that on Jan. 24 he was elected M.P. for the Department of the Seine by no less than 244,070 votes; his opponent, M. Jacques, receiving 162,520 votes. Whatever position Fate may have in store for General Boulanger (who did much to improve the lot of the officers and privates of the Army whilst he was Minister for War), it should be admitted that he has two sound qualifications for the highest

station—considerate courtesy to all classes and the character of a hard worker. He is half an Englishman by birth, and receives English visitors with marked cordiality. George Ernest Jean Marie Boulanger was born at Rennes in 1837, and began his military career in Algeria at twenty years of age. He has seen severe service since then wherever the French flag has been borne with honour. He was Minister of War during the Premiership of M. De Freycinet and M. Goblet in 1886. His subsequent career, including his unlucky duel with M. Floquet last year, and his triumph over the latest past Prime Minister of France on Feb. 14, when he was present at the sitting which saw the defeat and resignation of M. Floquet, need not here be dwelt upon. General Boulanger, although pestered with an immense correspondence, is most accessible at his residence in the Rue Dumont d'Urville, Paris. It was in his sanctum there that General Boulanger was sketched by Mr. Julius M. Price with an attendant private secretary. It is noteworthy that a small image of Prince Von Bismarck serves as a paper-weight on the well-littered desk of General Boulanger, whose hymn is the dashing "En Revenant de la Révue" of M. Paulus.

SHIRE HORSE SHOW.

POSSIBLY, there could not be a finer Shire Horse Show than that which is pictured in one of our Illustrations—stout-hearted and strong-limbed Northumbrian shire horses drawing a snow-plough after a great snowstorm. We dedicate this Illustration to

MR. WALTER GILBEY,

the devoted and munificent encourager of the breeding of shire horses, and the earnest and well-proved friend of man's most useful help. The tenth annual show of the Shire Horse Society, which was opened on Tuesday in the Agricultural Hall, Islington, may lay claim to some little public attention, quite irrespective of the strict nature of its veterinary inspection, which precluded from competition any animals suspected of being unsound. The formation of a Cart-Horse Society was first broached in 1877, and the idea was so readily entertained that within a year the association was firmly established, and now numbers 1400 members. That the society is fulfilling its set mission of improving and promoting the breed of the shire breed of cart-horses with considerable success is evidenced by the statistics of its exhibitions. In 1880 the total number of entries was 110, while the figures of the present show are 447, extending over eleven different classes, and comprising 276 stallions and 171 mares. It will thus be seen that the entries within the last nine years have quadrupled, conclusively proving that

THE SHIRE HORSE SOCIETY

has done much to popularise the sturdy breed of horses whose stamina and force were recognised by our forefathers at least three centuries ago.

THE JUDGING FOR PRIZES

commenced in the forenoon, the work being performed by Messrs. W. H. Potter (Derby), John W. Rowland (Boston, Lincolnshire), Henry Smith (Nottingham), and John Wills (Exeter). The total worth of the prizes offered is £743 10s., and includes the Elsenham Challenge Cup, given by Mr. Walter Gilbey, of the value of one hundred guineas, for the best animal in the show, and the Champion Cup, valued at fifty guineas, for the best stallion. Among the exhibitors were Lord Belper, the Countess of Camperdown, the Marchioness of Downshire, Lord Egerton of Tatton, Mr. W. Burdett-Coutts, M.P., the Hon. E. Coke, the Earl of Dysart, the Earl of Ellesmere, Mr. A. B. Freeman-Mitford, C.B., Lord Hindlip, Mr. Walter Gilbey, Lord Hothfield, the Earl of Macclesfield, the Duke of Marlborough, Lord Middleton, M.P., Mr. Albert Muntz, M.P., Sir W. H. Salt, Earl Spencer, Lord Tredegar, Lord Wantage, Lord Windsor, and Lord Winmarleigh. On the whole, the show was decidedly superior to any other ever held in connection with the society.

IN CLASS VI. FOR STALLIONS

one year old, in which there were fifty-one entries, the first prize was taken by

MR. A. H. CLARK, SPALDING,

Lincolnshire, for Lord Arthur, a very fine bay; Mr. A. B. Freeman-Mitford, C.B., Moreton-in-Marsh, Gloucestershire, was awarded second honours, for Mars Victor; while the third and fourth prizes were acquired by the Nottingham Corporation Stoke Farm Committee, and the Earl of Dysart, for All Right and Witham Prince, respectively. Five exhibits received high commendation, and eleven were commended. In Class 5, of stallions two-year-olds,

MR. MARTIN PATE, ELY,

obtained the first prize for the Nailstone Conqueror; prizes being also awarded to Mr. Walter Gilbey, Elsenham Hall, Essex, for the Norman Conqueror; to Mr. Alex. Crawford, Loughborough, for Leake Topsman; to the Earl of Ellesmere, for Masterpiece II.; and to the Marchioness of Downshire for Prince of Orange. In this class seven exhibits were highly commended and four commended.

PARADES OF HORSES

took place at certain intervals during the day, and attracted large numbers of breeders and farmers.

Chat of the London Gossips.

["WHAT THE *World* SAYS."]

THE MARQUIS OF ABERGAVENNY, K.G., a nobleman who has, perhaps, done more than any other to promote the Conservative cause by the sociable means of establishing palatial clubs, is vividly portrayed with a Millais-like touch as this week's *World* "Celebrity at Home."

"Dressed in a suit of thick tweed in winter or in a light alpaca coat in summer, and wearing a low square-crowned hat canted over on one side with a suspicion of old military days, Lord Abergavenny's tall figure is well known at all county meetings; and, loving no place so well as Eridge, he takes the greatest interest in the improvement and maintenance of the estate, so much so, that any tenant wanting a new roof or 'a bit of fresh paint' somehow or other always manages to meet him. Many of the plans for new farmhouses and cottages he draws with his own hand—at any rate, they must have his personal approval. The organisation of his party, however, is his strong point. As Lord Nevill, he was regarded by Disraeli as one of his most trusty political henchmen, and as a political club promoter and organiser he is allowed to be *facile princeps*."

The Queen will have dinner-parties at Buckingham Palace on Monday and Tuesday next. The Princess of Wales is to dine with her Majesty on Monday.

There will be a very large Drawingroom next Tuesday, and I may as well warn ladies that they need not trouble themselves to push and struggle in order to reach the Throne-Room before her Majesty retires, as she is almost certain to go away before the general company are admitted. The whole of the Diplomatic Corps are to be received by the Queen on this occasion, and there will be a crowded attendance of the entrée people, so that the ordinary presentations will be made to the Princess of Wales.

I understand that the second Drawingroom of the season is to be held by the Princess of Wales about March 20, while the third and fourth Drawingrooms will be held by the Queen herself in May.

Since last year the principal drawing-room at Buckingham Palace has been redecorated in blue and gold. This room, which is next to the ball-room, is hung on one side with very fine portraits of members of the family of George III. by Gainsborough.

It is said that Prince Bismarck is very much annoyed at the talked-of marriage of the Czarewitch and Princess Alix of Hesse. There seems little doubt, however, that it will come off.

Prince Louis of Battenberg has been staying for a few days at Copenhagen, on a visit to the King and Queen of Denmark.

The Crown Prince of Austria died deeply in debt, although his income was £150,000 a-year, and all his residences were kept up for him.

The Hussars' Ball at York was this year an even more successful function than usual. The interior of the Assembly Rooms (designed by that architectural Earl of Burlington who built Chiswick House and Old Burlington House) is in itself so fine that it was wisely decided to do very little in the way of adornment. Prince Albert Victor, in the uniform of the 10th Hussars, arrived about eleven o'clock, and danced indefatigably.

Lady Mayo's dance in Eaton-square was one of the smallest and smartest dances of last week. The Red Hungarians played capitally.

Lord and Lady Charles Beresford paid a brief visit to Monte Carlo after his Lordship left Berlin.

The Prince of Wales paid a private visit to the Paris Exhibition on Friday. He particularly requested that no preparations should be made for his reception, and waded through the oceans of mud and sawdust in the Champ de Mars *chantiers* with an agility which sorely tried the physical powers of Sir Polydore de Keyser and Mr. Trueman Wood.

["*Truth* TO TELL."]

The Queen leaves Windsor for Biarritz on Tuesday, March 5, and I understand that her Majesty will return to England on or about Tuesday, April 9.

The Queen will come from Cherbourg direct to East Cowes; and the Court is to remain at Osborne till about May 3, and then removes to Windsor.

The dining-room at Windsor is only used by the Queen when there is a party of sixteen and upwards. The apartment in which her Majesty habitually lunches and dines is the Oak Room, which opens from the corridor and overlooks the quadrangle.

At one end is Angeli's first portrait of the Queen, which is faced at the other end by the Duchess of Edinburgh, a picture painted shortly after her marriage. The other pictures are portraits of the Princess of Wales and of the Duchesses of Connaught and Albany.

I hear that the Prince of Wales will probably be the guest of the Duke of Portland, at Welbeck Abbey, for Lincoln races next month.

I hear that the Emperor William is about to send a marble bust of himself to the Czar, another to the Emperor of Austria, and a third to the King of Italy. They are the work of Professor Begas.

The Emperor intends to present portraits of himself and of the Empress to the Queen, in order that they may be placed in the private apartment at Windsor with the other Hohenzollern family pictures, of which there is quite a gallery in the Tapestry Rooms.

I hear that Sir Gerald Graham is to succeed Sir George Willis as Military Commander-in-Chief at Portsmouth.

Lord and Lady Londonderry have taken up their residence at Dublin Castle for the season.

Lord Randolph Churchill's hostility to his former colleagues has apparently abated to a considerable extent, for he met five of them at a convivial little dinner which was given a few days ago at Monte Carlo by Mr. Bonsor, M.P. The Ministerial guests were Mr. Ritchie, Lord Lewisham, Mr. Akers-Douglas, Mr. Jackson, and Colonel Walrond. It is said that overtures have been made to him, and that he has been offered the Secretaryship of War.

The consumption of port wine appears to be increasing, for during last year 85,309 pipes were exported from Oporto, as against 71,511 pipes in 1887, and 64,715 pipes in 1885.

MR. P. J. RUMNEY, the o-ridge-i-nal and genuine "RIDGE'S FOOD" Man, writes:—"My seven children—four girls and three boys—are the picture of health and strength; all of them have been brought up on Dr. Ridge's Patent Cooked Food from three months upwards, and continue to take it daily." Mothers, try it. You will never regret it.—JAN. 7, 1889.—[ADVT.]

ALL over the world DR. LOCOCK'S PULMONIC WAFERS cure asthma, consumption, bronchitis, rheumatism, and all chest disorders. They give immediate relief and taste pleasantly. Sold at 1s. 1½d. per box.—[ADVT.]

TO THE DEAF.—A person cured of deafness and noises in the head of 23 years' standing by a simple remedy, will send a description of it free to any person who applies to NICHOLSON, 21, Bedford-square, London, W.C.—[ADVT.]

Sport.

SAD PUNT ACCIDENT AT OXFORD.

EVERY one ought to learn to swim, and swim well. That is the lesson taught by a mournful mishap that occurred at Oxford last Saturday. After the racing in the Second Division of the Torpids, there was, as usual, a great rush on the part of undergraduates to cross the river to their barges. Owing to the recent heavy snow and rain, the river had risen considerably, and the towing-path in places was submerged to the extent of several inches. A large number of members of the University crowded into a punt stationed near Randalls Bridge. When the boat got off it commenced to sink, either from being overloaded or through a sudden lurch caused by some of the men losing their balance. The water poured in with such force that the boat capsized and the occupants were precipitated into the water. Most of them swam ashore, but two who could not swim were rescued with great difficulty, and a third—Mr. H. L. Johnson, of St. John's College—was drowned. The deceased was only nineteen years of age, and his friends reside at Beckenham, Kent. There is no doubt another gentleman, Mr. Gray, of St. John's, would have been drowned had it not been for the plucky conduct of Mr. Montague, of Balliol, who plunged into the river, and brought him to the surface. Four other Balliol men, Messrs. Benson, Holder, Carter, Hills, also jumped into the river and assisted, and by their united exertions he was got safely to shore, although he was in a very exhausted condition, having sunk twice.

At the inquest on Monday, it was disclosed that it was the humanity of the gallant young fellow that cost him his life. Mr. Sydney Ball said that the deceased swam ashore, but hearing a cry of distress he swam out and helped a man to the bank. Blagrove, the man in charge of the punt, was being helped by the captain of the St. John's Boat Club, Mr. Macdonald. Another man, who had a dog on his head, and who was nearly drowned by it, was got out, and it was believed that the whole of the persons were rescued. Other witnesses gave similar evidence, and one suggested that a light iron bridge should be built across the river at this point, as it was close by the winning-post. The jury returned a verdict to the effect that deceased was accidentally drowned, and added a recommendation "that during the college races every college should have its own punt and puntsman, and that a path from Folly Bridge to the barges across Trill Mill stream, to enable men to get round to the Oxfordshire side of the river, is very desirable during the time of the races, and that the recommendation be sent to the University, Christchurch and the City authorities." The Torpid races were suspended on Monday owing to the accident.

UNIVERSITY CREWS PRACTICE.

Practice for the University Boat-Race was continued without interruption during the past week at Oxford; but the severe frost completely blocked the River Cam with ice, and the Cambridge crew were unable to get afloat till Thursday week.

CAMBRIDGE EIGHT.

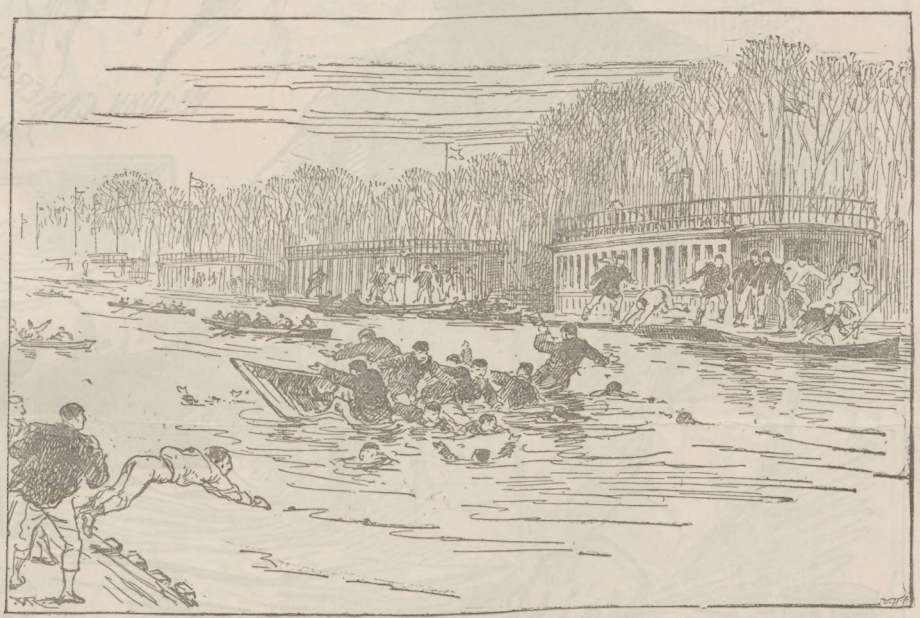
The Light Blues resumed their practice on Monday at Cambridge, in very mild weather, the order of rowing being the same as Saturday. Operations commenced a little before three, by the President (Mr. S. D. Muttlebury) instructing the following members of the eight in the pair-oared gig—viz., Messrs. Bevan and Hannen, Orde and Dell, Maugham and Gardner. At the conclusion of the tubbing, last year's craft was launched, and the crew journeyed as far as Baitsbite Locks in easy pieces, where a rest was indulged in. On the return journey they rowed over the "Bridge to Bridge" course, which was accomplished in fine style; from the railway bridge the crew paddled up to the Pike and Eel, proceeding from the latter place on foot back to headquarters. Mr. Trevor Jones accompanied as usual. Appended are the names and weights:

	st.	lb.
R. F. Bevan, Third Trinity (bow) ...	10	13
2. L. Hannen, Trinity Hall	11	4½
3. R. H. P. Orde, First Trinity	11	11
4. C. B. P. Bell, Trinity Hall	13	1½
5. S. D. Muttlebury, Third Trinity ...	14	2½
6. P. Landale, Trinity Hall	12	13
7. F. H. Maugham, Trinity Hall ...	11	8
J. C. Gardner, Emmanuel (stroke) ...	11	12
T. W. Northmore, Queen's (cox) ...	8	4

OXFORD EIGHT.

On Saturday last, after Puxley and Hamilton had been out in the tub pair, the eight was launched, when Lord Ampthill resumed his seat at No. 3. In this order the crew made two journeys to Iffley and back. The following was the crew:

OXFORD.	st.	lb.
H. E. L. Puxley, Corpus (bow)	11	5
2. C. R. Hamilton, Keble	11	8
3. Lord Ampthill, New	13	0
4. R. P. P. Rowe, Magdalen	11	10
5. F. Wilkinson, Brasenose	13	10
6. P. C. Drake, New	12	12
7. G. Nickalls, Magdalen	12	6
W. F. C. Holland, Brasenose (stroke) ...	10	11
H. H. Houldsworth, Christchurch (cox.)	8	4



THE FATAL PUNT ACCIDENT AT OXFORD.

SCULLING-MATCH ON THE TYNE.

A sculling-match for a stake of £50 a side was decided on Monday over the Tyne Championship course, from the Mansion House to Scotswood Suspension-bridge. The competitors were G. Bubear, of Hammersmith, and G. Nowell, of Newcastle, the latter being in receipt of ten seconds start. When within about three quarters of a mile of the finish, Bubear got on terms of equality, and then, holding his own without an effort, won most easily by a length in 30 min. 20 sec.

BILLIARDS.

John Roberts, jun., the champion, and W. J. Peall, concluded their spot-barred match of 12,000 up at Grafton-street, W., last Saturday evening. Roberts showed brilliant form throughout. Peall, who received 4000 start, was beaten by 2518 points.

In the match of 12,000 up (all in) between F. White and J. North at the Royal Aquarium, Westminster, the former won on Saturday evening last by 3915 points.

A spot-barred match of 12,000 up between John Roberts and John North was commenced on Monday afternoon at 14, Grafton-street, Bond-street, Roberts conceding a start of 4000 points. Roberts was in his most brilliant form throughout the afternoon, when he scored his full proportion—1002—while North was making 216. At one time the champion, with chief runs of 101, 316, 40, 200, and 175, had made 837 while North was compiling but 15. The totals at close of play on Monday were:—Roberts, 2001; North, 4683.

An 8000 up spot-barred match between W. Cook and W. J. Peall was commenced at the Westminster Aquarium on Monday. In the afternoon Peall scored 666, while Cook was making 514; but in the evening the ex-champion was in capital form, and, scoring considerably the faster, was, at the close of the day, well in advance, the totals being:—Cook, 1333; Peall, 1012.

FOOTBALL.

Twelve thousand persons were present at the Rectory Field, Blackheath, last Saturday, to witness the football-match between England and the Maoris. After a brilliant game the home team won by a goal and four tries to nil.

Yorkshire, by her victory on Monday over Somersetshire, retains an unbeaten record, and secures the title of Champion County at the Rugby game for 1888-9. The match against the Rest of England will be decided on Saturday at Halifax.

FOOTBALL ACCIDENT.

On Saturday last, Tom Greenwood, of Huddersfield, was playing with the Primrose Hill Club against Staniland, at Huddersfield, when he received serious spinal injuries, which resulted in death on Sunday morning.

HEALTH UNDERCLOTHING.—Ladies, send for Patterns of white and scarlet flannels, undyed wools, fancy shirting, and dressing-gown flannels, sent, post-free, from the manufacturer, JOHN NOBLE, Victoria Mills, Manchester. Better and cheaper than German manufactured goods. Please write at once, and mention this Paper.—[ADVT.]

RAILWAY SERVANTS.—Signalmen, Engine-Drivers, Porters, and others, who have frequently long intervals of work between meals, should drink CADBURY'S COCOA, a sustaining beverage, agreeable and comforting, during long spells of work. Beware of imitations.—[ADVT.]

TO DARKEN GREY HAIR.—LOCKYER'S SULPHUR HAIR RESTORER is the quickest, best, safest, and cheapest. Large Bottles, 1s. 6d. Everywhere.—[ADVT.]

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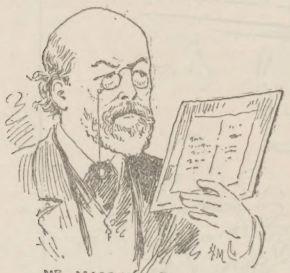
THE ALLEGED FORGED LETTERS OF MR. PARNELL

were at length produced in court before Sir James Hannen, Mr. Justice Day, and Mr. Justice A. L. Smith, who, one and all, do honour to the judicial bench of England. Mr. Joseph Soames, the solicitor and "treasurer" of the *Times* newspaper, is a good-looking gentleman of medium height and middle age. He is faithfully limned by our Artist. Mr. Soames has, from the outset of the inquiry, been diligent in his attendance, and has assiduously instructed Sir Richard Webster, immediately below whom he has usually sat, with Mr. Macdonald, the acute manager of the *Times*, on one side of him, and sometimes stalwart young Mr. Buckle, the fair-bearded editor of the *Times*, on the other; with young Mr. Walter close by. The order in which the *Times*' representatives and the Parnellite party sit on this front bench, facing the Judges, is indicated in one of our Artist's accurate Sketches.

MR. SOAMES ENTERED THE WITNESS-BOX

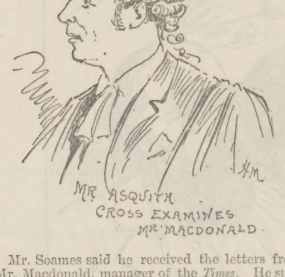
on Thursday, Feb. 14, the fiftieth day of the protracted inquiry. Not without bonhomie is



MR MACDONALD IS QUITE SATISFIED WITH THE GENUINENESS OF THE LETTERS.

Mr. Soames. Indeed, he has just the look suggestive of good-fellowship in private life. He promptly owned that he had been engaged in obtaining witnesses for this case. He said he was first consulted as to the alleged Parnell letters in November, 1886, with the exception of the letter dated May, 1882. He handed in seven letters alleged to have been written by Mr. Parnell. The first was dated Jan. 9, 1882, and was the familiar one beginning "What are the fellows waiting for?" The second was dated May, 1882, and commenced "I am not surprised." There were three dated Tuesday, but without any other date.

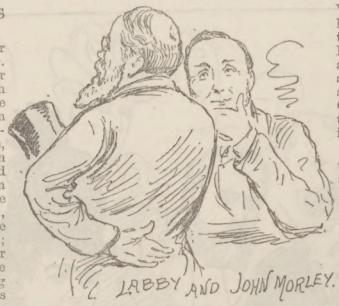
Sir James Hannen: Have the letters been photographed?
The Attorney-General: Yes.
Sir James Hannen: Then I would like to have copies.



MR ASQUITH CROSS EXAMINES MR MACDONALD.

Mr. Soames said he received the letters from Mr. Macdonald, manager of the *Times*. He subsequently learned where the letters came from. He submitted five of the letters to Mr. Inglis, an

"ADVICE TO MOTHERS."—MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP should always be used when children are cutting teeth. It relieves the little sufferer at once, it produces natural quiet sleep by relieving the child from pain, and the little cherub awakes "as bright as a button." It is perfectly harmless. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, relieves wind, regulates the bowels, and is the best known remedy for dysentery and diarrhœa, whether arising from teething or other causes. Sold by all Chemists, at 1s. 1½d. per Bottle.—[ADVT.]



LABBY AND JOHN MORLEY.

expert, for examination about December, 1886. He had compared the letters with Mr. Parnell's handwriting, and they had been under the inspection of Mr. O'Donnell. Among the handwriting of Mr. Parnell compared with the letters were several orders of admission to the House of Commons given by him. Two were dated 1875 and 1877. He could refer to every document with which the handwriting was compared before the letters were published. He stated that Mr. Macdonald received the Parnell letters from Mr. Houston, who got them from Mr. Pigott. Mr. Soames also said that the "Parnellism and Crime" articles were written by Mr. Flanagan, son of a Judge in Ireland, and one of the *Times*' staff.

Mr. Soames also admitted how much money was paid for "the letters." He said a cheque for £1000 was partially to recoup Mr. Houston for expenses in going to America, and for those who assisted. He paid Mr. Houston £200, £30, £40, £12, £180, £550, £342, and £100. The witness added that he paid Mr. Mozer, the detective, more than £1000 and less than £2000. He further paid Mr. Kirby £250. The witness had sent two or three other agents to America. He had paid an agent named Thompson £300. He took pains to form an opinion as to Davitt's letter, and he had come to the conclusion that it was genuine. Surprise was occasioned when the witness mentioned that Mr. Pigott said Mr. George Lewis endeavoured to get him to state that the letters were forged; and that Mr. Labouchere had offered Pigott £1000 to go into the box and swear he was the forger of the letters. Mr. Soames further declared that he had "traced Pigott to Mr. Labouchere's house on two or three occasions, and traced him in the company of Mr. Parnell, Mr. Lewis, and Mr. Labouchere on a date which I can give you." Sir Charles Russell, Q.C., M.P., is depicted in our large Engraving as he ably cross-examined Mr. Soames on behalf of Mr. Parnell.

Mr. Parnell's speech in Parliament, as given in "Hansard," made immediately after the publication of the facsimile letter which he characterised as "an unblushing fraud," was read, as well as other matters.

MR. MACDONALD, MANAGER OF "THE TIMES,"

a shrewd gentleman of middle age, is also limned as he appeared in the witness-box on Feb. 15. Mr. Macdonald looks the Scot he is. He is credited with having greatly improved the printing machinery of the *Times*.

MR PARNELL ENTERING THE COURT ON TUESDAY

When Mr. Houston first brought the letters he did not tell him the person from whom they came, nor did he say anything to Mr. Pigott. He was afterwards told, and he gave a pledge that the letters should be regarded as confidential communications. On that understanding he instructed Mr. Soames to act in the O'Donnell case. Mr. Houston was paid £1780, the amount which he represented he had expended in obtaining the letters.

MR. HERBERT HENRY ASQUITH, M.P.,

who has made an exceedingly able and earnest speech in the House on behalf of Irish Home Rule, searchingly cross-examined Mr. Macdonald. The manager of the *Times* said he had heard the letters had been offered to Lord Hartington. He had never heard of them having been offered to the *Pall Mall Gazette* for £1000. He believed that the letters were genuine from the beginning. He thought the facsimile letter was the sort of letter Mr. Parnell would have been impelled to write.

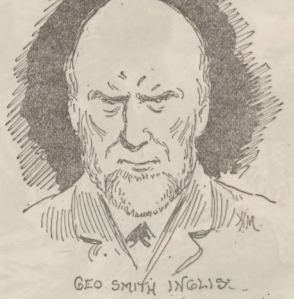
Mr. Asquith: You thought also the letter of Jan. 9, 1882—"Make it hot for old Forster and Co."—was the kind of letter Mr. Parnell

JUSTICE GROVES LOOKS ON.

would write?—Mr. Macdonald: I thought it a very likely letter.—The style, the tone, and so on were like Mr. Parnell's? Mr. Parnell frequently uses the term "Make it hot."

THE SCENE IN COURT

on Tuesday, when the inquiry was resumed, was animated. The attendance was very large. Some of the characteristic features are shown in our Portrait-Sketches. At about twenty past ten,



GEO SMITH INGLIS THE EXPERT.

Sir Charles Russell entered the court with Mr. John Morley, M.P., who accepted a seat by Sir Charles's side, in the Q.C.'s bench. Mr.

THROAT AFFECTIONS AND HOARSENESS.—All suffering from irritation of the throat and hoarseness will be agreeably surprised at the almost immediate relief afforded by the use of "BROWN'S BRONCHIAL TROCHES." People troubled with a "hacking cough," a "slight cold," or bronchial affections, cannot try them too soon, as similar troubles, if allowed to progress, result in serious pulmonary and asthmatic affections. See that the words "Brown's Bronchial Troches" are on the Government stamp around each box.—Of all Chemists, 1s. 1½d. per Box.—[ADVT.]

Labouchere, entering a few minutes later, engaged in conversation with Mr. Morley, until the arrival of the Commissioners. Mr. Shaw-Lefevre sat immediately behind Mr. Morley, near Mr. Asquith. The Lord Advocate for Scotland sat and conversed with Mr. Macdonald, the *Times'* manager, in the solicitors' benches. The Parnellite members assembled in force in the court, hovering about in the gangways near their leader. Mr. Parnell, who was closely wrapped in an overcoat, and still appeared to be very pale and ill, sat in his usual seat by the solicitors' table, between Mr. Davitt and Mr. Biggar. Sir William Grove looked in, and sat on the bench next Mr. Justice Day.

Mr. Asquith found the shrewd manager of the *Times* a harder nut to crack than he did on the previous Friday. Mr. Macdonald stoutly declined to answer some questions put to him as to his opinion on the letters; but he clung to his belief as to their genuineness. Incidentally, it came out that the whole of the "Parnellism and Crimes" articles were not written by one writer, but by several.

The President expressed his disapproval on Tuesday of the Attorney-General's conduct of the case, in so far that he wished to call Mr. Inglis after Mr. Macdonald instead of Mr. Houston and Mr. Pigott. Thereupon, Sir R. Webster courteously fell in with Sir James Hannen's wishes.

MR. EDWARD CAULFIELD HOUSTON

was accordingly called, and examined by the Attorney-General. He said he was journalist, that he was the secretary of the Irish Loyal and

Patriotic Union, and had been so since its formation in the month of May, 1885. He attended the murder trials in Dublin in 1882 and 1883, and wrote the descriptive account of them for the *Times*. It was in 1885 he had a communication from Mr. Pigott, formerly proprietor of the *Irishman*, and a "Nationalist" journalist, respecting John Devoy. The information obtained from Mr. Pigott he made use of in a pamphlet, "Parnellism Unmasked." His explanations showed that the alleged Parnell letters were obtained in a very roundabout way from Pigott, who said he first went to one Eugene Davies in Lausanne, and learnt that certain documents were to be had in Paris. Pigott then made a trip to America, and secured an order in the States for the letters to be delivered up in Paris. Mr. Houston said:—"From what I remember of Davis's statement, according to Mr. Pigott, he said the letters were in a bag in a room in Paris, in which Frank Byrne was supposed to have resided, or that they were left in the possession of a man named Kelly, a schoolmaster, who was supposed to have purchased the Phœnix Park knife." In Paris witness received the first batch of letters from Mr. Pigott. They were the five Parnell letters and the six Egan letters. Mr. Houston took them to Mr. Buckle and Mr. Macdonald, of the *Times*.

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CHARGE AGAINST MR. PIGOTT.

Without following Mr. Houston through his labyrinthine statements as to how he got all the letters from Mr. Pigott, and how he destroyed the communications Pigott made to him in writing, we come to Sir Charles Russell's cross-examination. That learned counsel elicited from the witness that he knew Mr. Pigott was a vehement opponent of Mr. Parnell and the Land League. Sir Charles read a letter from Messrs. Lewis and Lewis to Mr. Pigott, which was dated Nov. 15, and was to the following effect:—"Dear Sir,—I am in receipt of yours of the 3rd instant, and have not yet had an opportunity of showing it to Mr. Parnell. So far as I am concerned your statement is untrue, as are most of your statements. We are aware that you forged the letters before you wrote us. We have subpœnaed Mr. Houston, who obtained the letters through you." Now, did Mr. Pigott show you that letter?—He told me he had been charged with forging the letters. Has he ever told you from whom he received any of these letters?—I think he mentioned the name of a man named Murphy in connection with the letters. All this evidence naturally made everyone anxious to see Mr. Pigott in the box.

DESTRUCTION OF CORRESPONDENCE.

A noteworthy feature of Mr. Houston's trenchant cross-examination by Sir Charles Russell was his admission that after being subpœnaed by Mr. George Lewis, he destroyed all the letters and cable messages he had received from Mr. Pigott, alleging that there was an understanding between them from the commencement that this should be done so as to avoid publicity. Mr. Houston, pale and haggard, was on Wednesday not so cocksure in manner as he was at the commencement of Sir Charles Russell's cross-examination. Mr. Parnell and Mr. Labouchere were again in court to listen to Mr. Houston's astounding admissions. With that quiet, neat, not-to-be-denied manner which Sir Charles Russell has cultivated to a fine art, the skilful leading counsel for Mr. Parnell on Wednesday got Mr. Houston to contradict himself, the witness on this occasion owning that Pigott did not ask him to destroy his letters, explaining that his memory had sufficiently revived to enable him to state that. Questioned as to from whom, besides Dr. Maguire, he borrowed the money for the letters in the first instance, Mr. Houston replied, "Private friends, whose names I do not care to give." Sir Charles Russell pressed the question, however, and after appealing to the President the witness said Sir Roland Blennerhasset, Lord Richard Grosvenor, and Mr. Hogg, of Dublin, were the friends who had made the advances. He told them he wanted it for political purposes. "Have you repaid it?"—"Yes, when I got the funds from Mr. Macdonald."

THE STORY OF THE LETTER-BAG

was retold, under cross-examination, by Mr. Houston:—

"I understood that the letters were left in a bag in a room where Frank Byrne or a man named Kelly was arrested. This bag was subsequently taken possession of by certain Fenians in Paris. These Fenians held possession of them, and, after being in communication with certain persons in America, refuse to give them up until they got the sanction of those persons in America. I sent Pigott to America to get the sanction, and he returned and informed me that he had got a letter from certain persons to the Fenians in Paris. He subsequently returned to Paris two or three times, and on the morning in question he brought me the letters."

Mr. Houston then confessed he had taken no steps to test the authenticity of Pigott's statements; but later on he was induced to own he "Did not like Mr. Pigott's interview with Mr. Labouchere." That shook his faith a little, and caused him to press Pigott to make his sworn declaration. Mr. Houston, ere his scathing cross-examination closed, recapitulated his unsuccessful interview with Mr. Stead, who declined to pay £1000 for the publication of the letters in the *Pall Mall*, and his similarly fruitless submission of the letters to the Marquis of Hartington.

Re-examined by the Attorney-General, Mr. Houston swore most positively that it was absolutely untrue that he had ever offered the letters to the *Pall Mall Gazette* for £1000. When Mr. Attorney finished, Sir Charles Russell asked one more question, "Are you aware that Eugene Davis is in this country, and that Mr. Soames has subpœnaed him?" "I am," replied Mr. Houston, and with this he disappeared from the box.

MR. RICHARD PIGOTT IN THE BOX.

Mr. Barnes, who writes the lucid and careful summary in the *Evening Standard*, adds, "Then, at a quarter to three, came what may properly be called the climax of the case in the appearance of Mr. Richard Pigott, a well-dressed, white-bearded, bald-headed, benevolent looking gentleman who gave his age as fifty-four, but looks much older. We understood from him—and from the way he spoke it was very difficult to understand what he did say—that he became proprietor of the *Irishman*, a Fenian organ, in 1865, became proprietor of the *Irishman*, a Fenian organ, in 1865, and was sentenced to twelve months—afterwards reduced to six—imprisonment in 1868 for an article on the Manchester executions of the previous year. He was a member of the Supreme Council of the Fenian Brotherhood, and he of the Supreme Council of the Fenian Brotherhood, and he mentioned the names of several who were associated with him in the same body. All the members of the Amnesty Association of 1870 (said Pigott) were Fenians, and Mr. Parnell was one of them. In about 1871 or 1872 Mr. Biggar, M.P., Mr. Barry, M.P., and Mr. Matt. Harris, M.P. (added M.P., Mr. Barry, M.P., and Mr. Matt. Harris, M.P. (added Pigott), were members of the Supreme Council of the Irish Republican Brotherhood, and so were James Carey, James Mullett, and David Murphy." Failing space compels us to break off this strange chronicle till next week.

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THE SHOWMAN.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—

The House of Palaver has met again. Wonder if we shall be any better off this time next year? Will Taxation be lighter? Homes less unhealthy? Times—"Good old times"—less hard? I fear not. Let us be thankful for small mercies, and philosophically accept the goods the Gods provide us with. Twig our big, bearded Premier, my Lord Salisbury, *à la* Baldwin, surveying mankind from China to Peru, in the aërial style befitting Queen Victoria's Foreign Minister? There 's one thing I like about Salisbury. "He 's English, ye know; quite English!" and always speaks clearly, forcibly, and to the point. All ye have to do is to take what he says with the prudential pinch of salt—Cum-Grano-Salisbury, don't ye know! Let him not altogether put his trust blindly in Bismarck. The Prince of Blood and Iron's song is—as I 've told ye before—

> Vat is der Deutscher Vaterland?
> All dat Bismarck's hand can grasp,
> Dat is der Deutscher Vaterland!

Welcome back to Will Gladstone—our Grand Old Man Eloquent! Hale, upright, hearty in his Eightieth year! We 're all proud of him—every *fair*-minded Briton is. What a fund of versatility has he! What repartee! To tell the whole, unadulterated truth, and shame the Dissentient Liberals—the G.O.M. (who can change in a moment from a Neapolitan

Mandolinist to his favourite part of Irish piper) is far nearer the rational solution of the Irish Difficulty than any other party. As I candidly said at the time, his Home Rule Bill was a mistake, because it was impracticable, my friends. But he was on the right track. Why shouldn't Paddy have his fair extension of Local Self-Government as well as John Bull? Pat is bound to have it, sooner or later. "He won't be happy till he gets it." That 's plain.

Meantime, pray look at the unprecedented discomfort that has reigned on the front Opposition bench since the Liberal Leaders have split over this eternal Irish Question. It is pitiful, the crowding and squeezing and cold-shouldering that go on. Well may it be called the Oil and Vinegar Opposition bench. The Gladstonians and so-called "Unionists"—as if we weren't one and all "Unionists"!—are still as unmixable as oil and vinegar. As to which is oil and which vinegar—"ye pays your money, and takes your ch'ice, my little dears!" Conjure up a picture of my Lord Hartington (hats off to him always, for he has suffered for Ireland more poignantly than any other Englishman, that true nobleman has, remember)—of Lord Hartington, his henchman, Sir Henry James, and Joey Chamberlain squeezed up into the corner of the bench, and nearly forced out of their places by the alienated Gladstone brigade, the G.O.M., Sir William Harcourt, John Morley, affable Childers, and the rest, and ye may realise the state of things on this same front Opposition bench. And ye may imagine with what feeling the G.O.M. (who would dearly like to get the Dissentients back into the Liberal fold) sings the sentimental song of "Strangers Yet!"

Singing in the House of Palaver! Well, "Sing, Whalley!" used to be a favourite cry there. Wonder if Harmony would be promoted now by the singing, instead of speaking, of speeches? The Banjo 's the favourite musical instrument in fashionable circles. Why not introduce it into Palaver, with a fresh collection of topical nigger songs?

My Lord Randolph Churchill, for one, wouldn't be backward in coming forward when he returns from his Carnival Cannes - Cannes; depend upon 't. Look upon him as England's Boulanger. Hear him sing—to the old familiar Paris tune of "Nicola, Nicola, hé, oh, hé!"—

C'est Boulan—c'est Boulanger qu'il nous faut!

And I'm not sure Randolph wouldn't soon become (with the sweet aid of Lady Randolph) quite as popular in London as General Boulanger is in Paris. Let health but last, and Randolph will be Premier yet!

To return to our warbling. Wouldn't it be a cheering change, a lively transformation, to see Salisbury as "Pony Moore," accompanying himself with the bones to an Ethiopian ditty of this kind!—

Hear dat Gladstone singin'!
Smith say he sing too fast!
Gone am Bill O'Brien!
Balfour's got him fast,
Wid him shirt and britches on!

While Joey Chamberlain favours the House with:—

See dat nigger next to Hart?
Him full of gush, but nebber "part."
He say Home-Rule!
Hart say No-Go!
Balfour hits him on de boko!

To which the G.O.M., sentimentally twanging his banjo, might sing back more in sorrow than in anger:—

Way down Galway!
Way down Galway!
Oh, I lubs dat Irish girl!
Yeudah! Yeudah! Yeh!

To sum up, my good friends, let us sincerely hope the House of Palaver will now try its very hardest to make the country a little happier—to befriend the wretched and homeless—to feed the hungry, and especially to cheer the hearts of the little waifs and strays of this big, rich city. Let the refrain, in short, be (to paraphrase another stanza of the popular Moore and Burgess Minstrels):—

I'm gwain in for Mercy,
No longer gwain to babble;
I'm gwain where dey suffer so.
I hear de chil'en callin'!
I see dere tears a fallin'!
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"LIFE'S A GAME OF SEE-SAW."

Mr. J. C. Smith, formerly managing director of the Prince's Theatre, Manchester, and Miss Bessie Bellwood, professional singer, are no doubt thoroughly convinced that "Life's a game of see-saw." In the Queen's Bench Division, last Saturday, the action brought against them by Mr. G. W. Hunt, composer, for infringing his copyright in this music-hall song was decided, and the defendants were each ordered to pay a penalty of £80. Execution was stayed in view of an appeal.

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MR. TOM MEAD,

a well-known Shakspearean actor, the Ghost to Mr. Henry Irving's Hamlet, and for many years a member of the Lyceum company, died at his residence, New North-road, Islington, last Sunday afternoon in the seventieth year of his age. Mr. Mead was seized with illness while on tour with Mr. Irving's company last year.

MR. TOM MEAD WAS BORN

at Cambridge, Aug. 22, 1819, entered the dramatic profession in 1841 at the Devonport Theatre, under management of Mr. James Dawson, as Orozembo, in Sheridan's tragedy, "Pizarro." His first appearance in London was at the Victoria Theatre, Nov. 8, 1848, as Sir Giles Overreach.

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